SENATE BILL 1303

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 48 and Title 67, relative to criminal law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 7, Part 6, is amended by adding a new section as follows:

8-7-607.

- (a) The executive director of the Tennessee district attorneys general conference, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of revenue and the commissioner of the department of commerce and insurance, shall create a fund within the Tennessee district attorneys general conference that shall be used to prosecute sales tax fraud and securities fraud cases throughout the state.
- (b) The executive director of the Tennessee district attorneys conference is authorized to make expenditures from this fund for the prosecution of sales tax fraud and securities fraud cases throughout the state including, but not limited to, hiring prosecutors or district attorneys general pro tem, such accountants or auditors as are needed for these cases, expert witnesses, specifically including, but not limited to, computer specialists, as the need arises, and clerical staff and paying for the cost of travel, other related incidental expenses, and the expenses of specialized training for prosecutors and staff members to enhance their knowledge and skills for combating sales tax fraud and securities fraud.
- (c) The designation of a prosecutor or district attorney general pro tem by the executive director to investigate or prosecute any matter may only be done with the

advice, consent and request of the particular district attorney general involved as set out under § 8-7-106.

(d) The fund created by subsection (a) shall be made up of certain fines and fees imposed upon sales tax violators and securities violators to be set out by a future act of the general assembly.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.